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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Observations Made at the Strausberg Air Force Depot

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Information

1. There was no change in the occupation or activity of the air force depot at Strausberg, Hegermuehlen Strasse. Between 1234 and 1240 on 31 July 1954, test runs of jet engines were made.

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2. The following shipments entered and left the depot between 22 July and 2 September 1954:

Date in Arriving
July

Leaving

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22 0900: truck with
acid carboys and small crates

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1300: truck
(the first sign indicating
a white ball) with medium-
sized crates

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26 truck with medium-
sized crates

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28 truck with high,
light-green van-like superstructure.

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August

2 1030: An undetermined number of
gondola cars loaded with 20 jet
engine crates, 275 x 150 x 180 cm,
and one truck with green van-like
superstructure were shunted to

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the material depot. Most of the crates were light-gray, some dark-gray, all of them were fitted with hoop irons and had coated corners

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1100: trucks [] with medium-sized
[] crates
1800: three-axle truck []
[] which came from the
garage north of the installation,
was loaded with mobile
compressors at the entrance and
subsequently proceeded in the
direction of the town

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1400: truck [] with
trailer [] loaded with
a canvas-covered device, about
2.5 meters long, apparently a
generator, and used tires and
inner tubes 1

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1100 to 1200: about 8 new
[] two-axle tank trucks
were unloaded at the Strausberg
railroad station and towed to the
installation by truck []
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1400: truck [] with
trailer []; the former
loaded with medium-sized crates,
the latter with blue crates, about
80 x 60 x 100 cm

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1000: about 24 open two-axle
trucks with hoops, apparently
2.5 to 3-ton trucks were
unloaded at the Strausberg-Stadt
railroad station and towed to
the material depot; the hoods of
the vehicles []
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1000: truck []
loaded with used truck tires
and some medium-sized crates

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1700: truck [] with
trailer [] loaded with
2 gasoline drums of about 300
liter capacity and some medium-
sized crates

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18	three [] two-axle truck chassis, apparently for two-ton trucks, with truck []		25X1
19	1800: the about 24 trucks which had arrived on 14 August left in the direction of Werneuchen with truck [] which had brought to the installations the drivers for the trucks. They wore black-bordered blue epauletts with AAA insignia. Prior to their departure, the trucks were refueled in front of the installation from tank truck []		25X1
23	1600: truck [] with trailer, loaded with long stakes, medium-sized crates, sacks etc.		25X1
24	1300: about 8 new [] two-axle 2.5 to 3-ton trucks, some of them loaded with new truck tires and boxes of various sizes apparently ammunition boxes		25X1
26	1245: truck [] with trailer loaded with small ammunition boxes		25X1
	1830: trucks [] and [] with trailers loaded with medium-sized crates		25X1
27			
30	1300: truck [] with trailer 2000: truck [] with trailer loaded with machinery parts, tubes, etc. canvas covered truck []		25X1
31			
September 1	1630: trucks [] in the direction of Werneuchen 1900: truck [] with trailer [] loaded with medium-sized crates		25X1

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0930: truck [redacted] with
trailer [redacted]
loaded with medium-sized
crates

1430: truck [redacted]
loaded with 2 new field
kitchens

1410: truck [redacted] with
trailer [redacted] the
former loaded with new truck
tires, the latter with new 6-volt
motor vehicle storage batteries

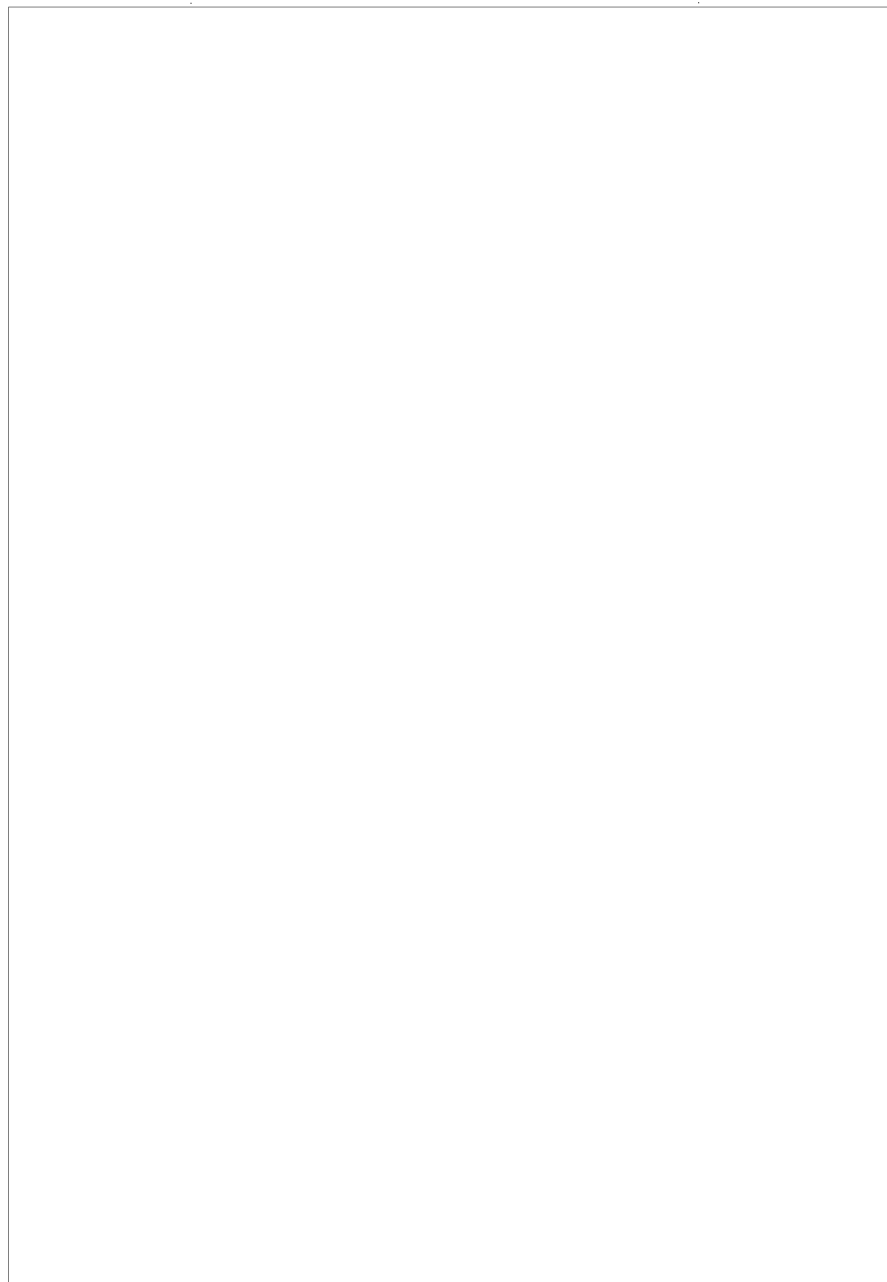
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4. The following shipments were observed at the Strausberg railroad station between 29 July and 28 August:

29 July. At the Strausberg-Vorstadt railroad station: An undetermined number of gondola cars with four two-axle trucks with low light-green van-like superstructures and 2 low-two-axle trailers with two supports and tarpaulins. One of the gondola cars bore a label, about 10 cm square,

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30 July. The shipment seen on the preceding day was observed at the Strausberg-Stadt railroad station.

31 July. At 0800, the gondola cars were no longer seen at the Strausberg-Stadt railroad station. The trucks had apparently been transferred to the material depot.

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28 August. At 1100, the following trucks were unloaded at the Strausberg-Stadt railroad station and subsequently towed to the material depot: Two trucks with green van-like superstructures, two windows in the sidewalls and a raised superstructure behind the driver's cabin;⁴ five special trucks with four-wheel drive and a front part with two spiral rollers possibly for clearing away snow or sand.⁵ All the motor vehicles were new [redacted]

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5. Since the fall of 1953, no major construction has been done in the air force depot. At present, many supply shipments are entering and leaving the depot.⁶ In early August 1954, 120 jet engines were stored at the installation. These engines are packed in crates and are piled up in three rows in the hangar. [redacted]

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To each of the jet engine crates belongs a smaller crate, 80 x 40 x 40 cm, which apparently contains spare parts. It was observed that the jet engine crates were opened after their arrival and several white bags were taken out of the engine and carried into the repair shop. The bags were tied on top [redacted] and contained half a kilogram of "something fine-grained". Before the crates were closed again, the bags, the purpose of which is unknown, were again loosely put into the engines. After their arrival, the jet engines were connected to a small engine or pump by means of a metal hose, about 2 cm in diameter, and subsequently the engine was put in operation for 8 to 10 minutes. A Soviet who was asked whether these were measures for the preservation of the jet engine, nodded. In the crates, the jet engines are wrapped in cellophane-like material.⁸

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6. In August 1954, a large number of motor vehicles were supplied to the depot. On 14 August, 80 to 100 new trucks arrived by rail. On 20 August, about 50 of these trucks proceeded in the direction of Werneuchen. A tank truck followed by three trucks which apparently had carried the drivers moved in front of the column.⁹

1. [redacted] Comment. For sketch of device seen, see first sketch on Annex. The device apparently is a part of a jet engine.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The inscription stands for "motor vehicle repair works".

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3. [redacted] Comment. These letters may stand for "tractor station".

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4. [redacted] Comment. For sketch of trucks seen, see Annex.

5. [redacted] Comment. For sketch of trucks, see Annex. The rollers are not visible on the sketch. They were probably arranged in the usual manner namely in two rows, turning in opposite directions.

6. [redacted] Comment. Compared to the last reported period, the volume of incoming and outgoing shipments at the depot increased considerably. This increase may, however, be due to the fact that source spent more time in reconnoitering the installation.


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
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7.  Comment. The figure 45 probably stands for Plant 45 Moscow-Fili.

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8.  Comment. The bags probably contain an agent which is to absorb chemically the moisture of the air.

9.  Comment. The arrival of about 100 trucks on 14 August is reported for the first time. Source of another report covering allegedly all rail shipments during the period in question made no mention of such a shipment.

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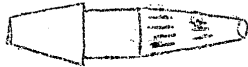
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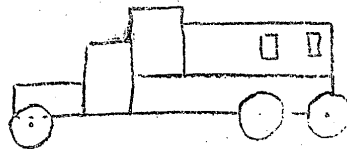
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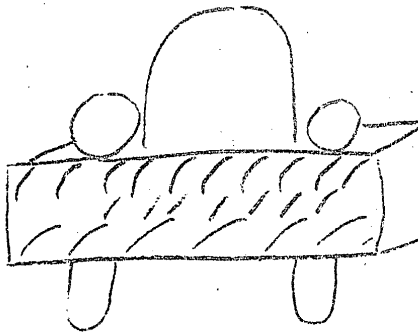
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Truck with Green Van-Like Superstructure Observed at
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